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# H. R. 1001

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mrs. WALORSKI, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. WELCH, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Family Member Access  
5 to Burn Pit Registry Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO REGISTER**  
2 **FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
3 **BURN PIT REGISTRY ON BEHALF OF DE-**  
4 **CEASED ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

5 Section 201 of the Dignified Burial and Other Vet-  
6 erans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law  
7 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
9 section (d); and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
11 lowing new subsection (c):

12 “(c) **REGISTRATION ON BEHALF OF DECEASED INDI-**  
13 **VIDUALS.**—In the case of a deceased eligible individual,  
14 the Secretary shall provide a process by which an imme-  
15 diate family member of the individual may register for the  
16 burn pit registry under this section on behalf of the de-  
17 ceased eligible individual.”.

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